COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION)	
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN)	
BELLSOUTH MOBILITY, LLC D/B/A)	
CINGULAR WIRELESS AND THACKER-)	CASE NO. 2003-00479
GRIGSBY TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)	
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

<u>ORDER</u>

On December 12, 2003, BellSouth Mobility, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless (Cingular) submitted a request for expedited approval of its interconnection agreement with Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company (Thacker-Grigsby). Cingular and Thacker-Grigsby had submitted to the Commission on October 24, 2003 their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks and reciprocal compensation for transport and termination of telecommunications traffic. The agreement was approved by letter dated October 30, 2003 to be effective after 90 days by operation of law. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. The negotiated agreement between Cingular and Thacker-Grigsby is approved effective the date of this Order.
- 2. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Cingular shall file with the Commission a true and complete copy of the agreement approved herein in Microsoft® Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of December, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director